

Solid Waste Groundwater Program Regionalization Effective May 1, 2007

The Virginia Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) would like to provide notice that its solid waste groundwater program has been regionalized. DEQ is structured such that the inspections and permitting programs operate from the seven regional offices. Historically, solid waste groundwater issues were handled by groundwater staff located in the Department's Central Office in Richmond, Virginia and working out of the Office of Solid Waste. Effective May 1st, 2007, the groundwater permitting oversight responsibility was transferred to the Regional Office in a move that consolidates solid waste permitting, remediation, and compliance/enforcement issues to be handled under one roof.

The Central Office will continue to support the Regional Offices by developing regulations and guidance and by providing technical expertise regarding groundwater monitoring and remediation at solid waste management facilities. To ensure standardization, we have retained a Solid Waste Groundwater Program Coordinator position in the Central Office to provide technical expertise and develop means to ensure consistency in the application of groundwater monitoring and remediation requirements. Mr. Geoff Christe, formerly the acting solid waste groundwater Team Leader, assumed this coordinator position effective May 1st, 2007.

Please note, effective May 1st, all groundwater related submissions should be addressed to the attention of your respective regional office Waste Program Manager at the address listed below:

Regional Office	Waste Program Manager	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Northern Regional Office	Richard Doucette 13901 Crown Court Woodbridge, VA 22193	(703) 583-3813	rcdoucette@deq.virginia.gov
Piedmont Regional Office	Rob Timmins 4949-A Cox Road Glen Allen, VA 23060	(804) 527-5161	rhtimmins@deq.virginia.gov
South Central Regional Office	Bob Goode 7705 Timberlake Road Lynchburg, VA 24502	(434) 582-6217	rpgoode@deq.virginia.gov
Southwest Regional Office	Dallas Sizemore 355 Deadmore St. P.O. Box 1688 Abingdon, VA 24212	(276) 676-4842	drsizemore@deq.virginia.gov
Tidewater Regional Office	Milt Johnston 5636 Southern Blvd. Virginia Beach, VA 23462	(757) 518-2151	mljohnston@deq.virginia.gov
Valley Regional Office	Graham Simmerman P.O. Box 3000 Harrisonburg, VA 22801	(540) 574-7865	ghsimmerman@deq.virginia.gov
West Central Regional Office	Aziz Farahmand 3019 Peters Creek Road Roanoke, VA 24019	(540) 562-6872	afarahmand@deq.virginia.gov

A copy of all groundwater submissions may also be submitted to Mr. Geoff Christe, as well. Mr. Christe will continue to be involved with facilities undergoing complex groundwater corrective action issues and will be able to assist the Regional Offices, as needed. Email and phone contact information for Mr. Christe is qxchriste@deg.virginia.gov and (804) 698-4283,

From May 1st onward, please direct any groundwater related meeting requests to the attention of the Regional Waste Program Manager. If the attendance of the Groundwater Program Coordinator is required, the Regional Office will make the necessary arrangements internally. With respect to the Department's file holdings, untilnotified otherwise, all groundwater related FOIA requests should continue to be made through the Department's Central Office.

Finally, as a result of the regionalization of groundwater program, effected facilities may find that the groundwater program for their facility has been assigned to a different staff. Current staff have been assigned to regional offices as follows:

Regional Office	Groundwater Staff	<u>Phone</u>	<u>Email</u>
Northern Regional Office	Larry Syverson	(804) 698-4271	lwsyverson@deq.virginia.gov
Piedmont Regional Office	Dean Starook	(804) 698-4254	destarook@deq.virginia.gov
Tidewater Regional Office	Mason Pritchett	(804) 698-4039	mapritchett@deq.virginia.gov

Current vacancies for this program are being hired by our Piedmont, Valley, South Central, and West Central Regional Offices. In our Southwest Regional Office, current regional groundwater staff will support the solid waste groundwater program (for contact information see http://www.deq.virginia.gov/regions/s-west.html).